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E.O. 11652:GDS

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SUBJ: ANGOLA: OAU CM/SUMMIT IN JANUARY: ETEKI'S COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

1. MOST LOCAL AFRICAN AMBS HEAVING SIGH OF RELIEF AT FINAL OAU DECISION POSTPONE CM AND SUMMIT UNTIL JAN 9, BELIEVING (AND HOPING) THAT IN INTERIM SOME ELEMENTS OF PUZZLE MAY BE CLARIFIED. THERE IS NATURALLY VERY HIGH INTEREST IN CURRENT US SENATE DEBATE, WITH AFRICAN AMBS USING THOSE ELEMENTS OF NEWS STORIES THAT SUPPORT THEIR BASIC PREJUDICES AS BASIS FOR PREDICTIONS FOR AND AGAINST FORMAL OAU RECOGNITION OF MPLA AS SOLE LEGITIMATE ANGOLAN FACTION.

2. OAU SEC GEN ETEKI HAS ASKED AMB FOR QUICK NOTIFICATION TO HIM OF ANY US CONGRESSIONAL DECISION ON CONTINUING US ASSISTANCE. AMB WARNED THAT DEFINITIVE DECISION BETWEEN CONGRESS AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH MIGHT TAKE SOME TIME YET, BUT PROMISED TO TRY TO GET AUTHORITATIVE WORD FROM WASHINGTON WHEN AVAILABLE.

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3. ETEKI SAYS USG DECISION ON THIS POINT IS OBVIOUSLY PIVOTAL

FACTOR IN ANGOLAN SITUATION, BUT THAT MAIN (HE SAID "ONLY",
BUT THIS IS CHARACTERISTIC SARDONIC EXAGGERATEION) ITEM FOR
OAU DEBATE WILL BE OVER WHAT TERMS OAU WILL USE TO CONDEMN
ALL OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN ANGOLA.

4. REGARDLESS OF SUBSTANCE OF USG DECISION ON AID FOR ANGOLA,
BELEIVE THAT ANOTHER LETTER FROM SECRETARY KISSINGER TO ETEKI
WOULD BE VERY USEFUL, AFTER BASIC DECISIONS ARE REACHED, TO
CONVEY AUTHORITATIVELY USG VIEWS AND INTENTIONS.
LETTER SHOULD REACH ETEKI WELL IN ADVANCE OF JAN 9
OAU MEETING, AND THIS TIME SHOULD INCLUDE REQUEST THAT ETEKI
CIRCULATE IT WITHIN OAU.
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